

October 13, 1999

Mr. John DeVillars
Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
1 Congress Street
Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Dear Administrator DeVillars:

Enclosed is the State of Maine's submission for authorization to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. This submission contains all the program elements required by 40 CFR Part 123.

Your expeditious review and approval of this submission will be appreciated. I would like to express our thanks for the assistance and support of the Region I staff during the State's development of this submission. I am confident this cooperative effort will continue as Maine moves forward to administer the NPDES program at the state level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Angus King" followed by a horizontal line.

Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor